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SISTERS OF SENDAI, JAPAN, AND THEIR CONVENT PUPILS

(Photograph taken at the Convent and sent to The Field Afar by Sr. Theophile.)

THE FIELD AFAR will hereafter be the organ of the new Catholic Foreign Mission Society. It will remain under the same editorship, and preserve its present character, striving always for improvement and for an ever widening circle of readers.

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IN our previous issue we informed our readers of the several steps taken towards the formation, in this country, of a Seminary for Foreign Missions, expressing the hope that before the present issue should have appeared, the seal of Rome's approval would be set on the resolution taken by the American hierarchy.

Events have followed rapidly since then, and we are now privileged to state that Rome has given formal permission to begin this great work. The Holy Father has already blessed the organizers and those whom God will inspire to be its benefactors.

The two priests interested, Fr. Thomas F. Price of North Carolina, editor of Truth, together with the editor of The Field Afar, left Boston for Europe May 30, and arrived in Liverpool June 7. They went directly to Freshfeld, a few miles away, to visit St. Peter's College, a preparatory school for Mill Hill, the Foreign Mission Seminary of England. Two days later they reached Mill Hill itself, remaining until the 12th, when they crossed the Channel, reaching the Paris Seminary that evening.

June 15 found them at the Foreign Mission Seminary of Milan, and June 18 in Rome. Shortly after their arrival in the Eternal city, these two priests visited Bishop Kennedy, Rector of the North American College, who received them cordially and expressed his desire to render any necessary service. Twelve days later they knelt before the Sovereign Pontiff, to receive his august blessing on their new mission.

In the meantime they had met in three conferences Cardinal Gotti, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, through whom came the welcome word to start.

Cardinal Gotti was most gracious and evidently well pleased at the thought that the United States would before long send some of her sons to the heathen peoples. "So many of



THE PRINCE OF APOSTLES.

whom," he added, "have proved their worthiness to receive the word of God."

The Holy Father was deeply interested. He realized that there were yet in America many pagans to convert, but he believed that the development of this work for foreign missions would re-act most beneficially upon the home needs, strengthening and multiplying vocations in this country. He accepted with evident pleasure a bound copy of The Field Afar from the editor, also one of *Truth* from Father Price.

While in Rome the two travellers made their home at the rectory of San Silvestro in Capite. They had the pleasure of meeting here some well-known priests, including several Americans, all bent on earnest study. Outside, in the city itself, they came in contact with many others, and had the privilege of special audiences with their Eminences, Cardinal

Merry del Val, Cardinal Rampoll and Cardinal Martinelli. All, withou exception, characterized the newly proposed work as one of great possible consequences to the Universe Church and to the Church in the United States.

This in brief is the story of progress to date, and we are certain that our readers will rejoice with us and join us in thanksgiving to God for the favors thus far obtained. These have been signal, and such that they can be ascribed almost fully to praye. We take this occasion therefore to renew our gratitude to the many communities and individuals who have co-operated unstintingly in this form of help—the most important of all,—for if God shall not build the city, we will labor in vain to build it.

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IN answer to many kind inquiries about the new seminary for Foreign Missions, we are privileged to publish the following paragraphs from the original draft forwarded by His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, to the Archbishops:

It is proposed to begin the work on a small scale, near some established house of Catholic philosophy and theology. It would seek its permanent home, well removed from the heart of city life, gradually securing its own professors, and developing an exclusively apostolic atmosphere. No definite location is suggested although a preference has been expressed by the organizers for a centre reasonably convenient to the more populous Catholic zones, and, if possible, not too far removed from those States in which a knowledge of foreign missions has already been cultivated.

It is expected that apostolic schools will be needed to serve later as feeders to the

seminary

We are not yet prepared to announce the exact site of the seminary. We do not know it ourselves, but at the present writing we are pleased to state that several Ordinaries have already kindly offered to us the hospitality and good will of their respective dioceses. Soon after our return to America (we are writing these lines from Italy), we hope to satisfy the natural curiosity of our readers on this all important point.



"It is in moments like these that the seems to touch with one's very finger the true meaning of those words: 'Every the that hath left house, or brethren, or isters, or father or mother, or wife or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.'"—HE RI DORIE, in "Thoughts from Moarn Martyrs."

THE KINDLY SPIRIT.

HREE hundred Communions were offered before Easter in the mission of Fr. Mullin, O.F.M., of Hupeh, China, for the establishment of an American Seminary for Foreign PH

CHE was not wealthy,—far from it, but her heart was large.

A widow, and childless, her wants were few and her living expenses low. She came from some distance, and at considerable inconvenience, to meet one of the organizers of the new Seminary for Foreign Missions before both should leave for Europe; and she placed in his hands a one theusand dollar bill, with a wish that it might be ten times more. May God multiply blessings on her soul in life and for eternity!

A FRIEND from Norwood indicates a generous spirit in the following lines:

I have just been reading your admirable little paper and noticed among its many interesting items that a 'dollar bill is an acceptable gift' to enable you to send THE FIELD AFAR to two more missioners. I am sure its arrival must be something to forward to when one is far from home

and friends.
Will you please accept my small donation for this purpose?

Yours sincerely,

A FRIEND."

FR. HENRY, Superior General of the English Foreign Missions (Mill Hill), wrote the following lines shortly before the editor's departure for Europe. Since then Fr. Henry has procured for us aid which has been of great value and for which we are most grateful. He writes:

I am delighted with the news you have sent me that the Archbishops have approved of the establishment of a College for Foreign Missions in the U.S.A. grant that this may be the beginning of a work which will do great things for His Honour and Glory, and may bring Salvation to innumerable souls in the heathen

Let me know when we may expect to see you and Father Price at Mill Hill. Rest assured of a most hearty welcome and all possible assistance that we may be able to give you.

Believe me, Most sincerely yours in Xto. T. HENRY.

* * WELL-KNOWN young man in Boston, who was employed for several years in the Far East, writes, upon hearing of our prospective American Seminary for Foreign Mis-

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During my residence in the East I came of frequently in contact with priests from the Paris "Missions Etrangères"

that I concluded all Catholic missioners in that part of the world at least, were French. Frequently I was asked by Europeans, "Why doesn't the United States send any priests out here on the firing line?'

So I am delighted to hear the good news, and I wish the new seminary much

BLESSED words of cheer and goodwill have been steadily coming from priests and laity since the announcement of a proposed American Foreign Mission Seminary.

From many we quote the following: I was in Washington the day after the Archbishops' meeting and was more than pleased to hear of their approbation of the great plan. I am confident that it is the beginning of a new era for the Church in the United States. When our youth long to become apostles to heathen countries, we may be sure that the Church is in a healthy condition. I shall be interested in every step taken towards realizing the splendid ideal. I hope to help, at least by my prayers, in this noble project.

PETER J. O'CALLAGHAN, C.S.P.

A PHILADELPHIA priest makes the suggestion that we should send THE FIELD AFAR to every priest in America, as it would bring 'excellent returns,' since in his estimation there is no priest who would not, through its pages become interested in the cause.

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We hope to follow this suggestion gradually. We have already done so before to a limited degree, and experienced good results-not excellent, We have reason to believe however. that nearly every priest who has looked over The FIELD AFAR with attention, is kindly disposed and would not grudge, either the fifty cents for a year's subscription, or the time to read it (or at least to see the

But American priests have many in terests, and some of them find it as hard to get down to letter-writing as does the average foreign missioner. Then there is the insertion of fifty cents (the dollar bill would be easier), and the finding of a stamp for the envelope. Miserable details are these, but they are just what keep the names of many most worthy priests from our subscription list,-to which they would be a welcome and valued addition.

*HE bishop of the Upper Nile Vicarate in Africa writes of the new American venture:

St. Peter's Nsambya · UGANDA, BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

The project for a seminary for the education and training, in the United States of America, of aspirants for the foreign missions is a most noble one. Undoubt-

edly the time has come when the sturdy Catholics of the States of North America Catholics of the States of North America should step forward and take their proper place in the full life of the Universal Church. Your land is filled, indeed, with numerous and well-organized Catholic works of charity and beneficence. And how splendid some of them are! But how splendid some of them are! But there is this one great stream of Christian life—so pure, vitalizing and so truly Catholic—the missionary life in the Field Afar—to diffuse the knowledge of salvation to the heathen abroad and to prepare these perishing souls to receive the only life that is life. only life that is life.

The political and diplomatic life of the United States has changed during our lifetime. Now you are responsible for peoples outside America. The mind has grown and the heart has expanded with its enlarged responsibilities. Such growth and expansion is natural, especially to a healthy Catholic people. And in this larger America, and indeed beyond all such limits, once the inspiration is felt, Catholics will surely send forth arrestles to these whose heads are statched. apostles to those whose hands are stretched out calling for our help. If you hunt their big game, if you trade with them and rule over them, send men also to save their immortal souls.

I pray that the project will soon be afoot, and that the Seminary will be an accomplished fact before we are much older. I pray also that God will raise up, as He assuredly will, many vocations. Many difficulties, anxieties, unexpected opposition and failures will have to be faced and surmounted. But the project is not a leap in the dark; but it have for an intimetal knowledge of the is born of an intimate knowledge of the wants in the field and of the kind of laborers needed for the harvest. Prac-tical sympathy with the men and their work in the fields afar has brought so many of the clergy and laity of America into most practical co-operation with the daily labors of the apostolic bands of three Continents. Many, too, must of three Continents. Many, too, must have realized the larger needs and the urgent voice of the higher call. Come over and help. All this is an earnest that the essential fire of true enthusiasm is based and firmly founded on the hard facts of the strenuous life and spiritual and material requirements. How creditable it all is to the Catholics of America! The fields have been sur-veyed; actual workers have stated and reiterated simply the conditions; you have encouraged and helped them and have seen the results. And now you are going to join the ranks and personally share in the noble work of carrying salvation to the unevangelized. Procede prospere et regna.

Yours sincerely in Xt.

H. HANLON.

If your heart is open to the call from heathen countries, pray that the mis-sionary army of the Catholic Church may be increased by apostles from America. Our country is scarcely represented in that precious company of valiant soldiers, and the persecuted countries of Europe are compelled to see diminish the number of their recruits.

"I shall bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall all the kindred of the world be blessed."—Genesis

A FEW NOTES.

YOUTHS or young men, who feel a strong desire to toil for the souls of heathen people, and who are willing to go afar with no hope of earthly recompense, and with no guarantee of a return to their native land, are encouraged to write, marking their letters personal, to the Editor, FIELD AFAR, Station A, P. O. Box 98, Boston, Mass.

THE frontispiece of our present issue comes from Sister Theophile of Sendai, Japan, who, though hampered much for lack of means, is with her sister-nuns, keeping her school up to a high standard of excellence, which is being gradually recognized.

N the scheme of the proposed seminary, sent out by Cardinal Gib-bons to the Archbishops of this country, and to which at their subsequent meeting the latter subscribed, his eminence wrote:

His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, has advised that these two priests (the organizers) having secured the encouragement of the Hierarchy, shall, with the permission of their Bishops, visit without delay, the most important foreign-mission seminaries, and apply in person to Rome for the authorization necessary to start. Returned with proper credentials they would aim to carry out, with the ap-proval of the individual bishops, the following plan:

- (a) To secure spiritual aid, asking prayers and Communions from prayers and Communions from seminaries, religious houses of men and women, institutions, etc., etc.
- (b) To spread a knowledge of the missions, by means of conferences and illustrated talks; and by an output of mission literature.
- (c) To seek material support, chiefly by increasing the subscription list of THE FIELD AFAR, which has already a wide circle of interested and generous readers among the clergy and laity.

It will be noted that the material support of the new seminary will depend on the widened circulation of THE FIELD AFAR, through which we are confident that many friends will be found. Each subscriber will be, to a small extent, it is true, a benefactor, but many will help us to meet the occasional need as it shall be suggested.

Join us in a great cause. Be pioneers in this labor for souls.

FOR YOU.

WE are now nearing a circulation of ten thousand; and we wish to arrive at one hundred thousand. Will you help us?

PASS on your copy to some one else.

Many friends have in this way been found for the cause of foreign

Or again, perhaps you are in a position to consider the idea of taking several copies, at reduced rates, as for example, 100 at twenty-five cents for each subscription. These could be distributed to pupils in a school (week-day or Sunday), or to members of some adult organization.

The test of love is sacrifice. If we have a zeal for souls, based on the true love of Christ, we will not grudge a little effort now which might secure, vocations later to the apostolate, or at least the salvation of heathen

T was Cardinal Manning who once said: "None help the poor so much as the poor themselves." THE FIELD AFAR some time ago gave an account of Bishop Benziger's experience in France. The following touching incident was related by Rev. Fr. J. Castets, S.J., at one of the annual meetings of the Association of the Former pupils of St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, India. It will serve to further illustrate the fact that the poor are no poor supporters of the foreign missions:

"You will now allow me," said Fr. Castets, "to close this series of typical examples of generosity by a personal recollection of my own. The 28th of June, 1880, was, for Jesuits in France, a memorable day. The last day of the three months for the voluntary compliance with the decree of dissolution of all religious houses had come, and the next day forced dissolution was to be tried, as is most fitting, on the Jesuits first. The young novices of Toulouse had already received the last instructions from their master, and coffee had been ordered to unite both the few Fathers of the house and the novices, in a last friendly chat of adieu. Just as we gathered together, the brother porter came in with a letter and delivered it to our master. The emotion roused by the perusual of the letter, was soon visible on the latter's face. tention, in fact, manifested in the letter was doubly touching. It was a poor servant girl, who had managed to save 500 francs (\$100), and who

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now sent them, with a word of regret not to be able, under the crcumstances, to do more. And this was not the first time she had sent her mite to the reputed wealthy Jesuits, nor was it the last.'

WE had scarcely finished preparing the above note when a letter came from just such a benefactor as is mentioned therein. The sum of six dollars may not seem considerable. It represents, however, many a sacrifice and is great in the eves of God:

"Please find enclosed \$6.00 towards the new American College for Foreign Missions of which you are a Director I am sending it in the name of our Blessed

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

What are we doing for Christ? Answer, each one, and say, Idle are we from dawn till dusk; Nothing adorns our way. Pass we with careless step,-Notice we not the soil,— Flower or weed we little reck,-Others may have the toil!

What are we doing for Christ? Think of it ere too late! Why should we leave for other hands Work that for ours must wait? All the dim Future rests Just on the fleeting Now,—
What we have shirked, or cast aside,— What we have done, and how!

"What can I do?" you say; What can you do? Give aid To those who work for God afar, Alone, and unafraid! Place yourself in the front; The Missioner befriend,-Salvation for some heathen soul May thus on you depend! —Amadeus, O F

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Many vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life have come through realing the letters and lives of missioners.

To delay co-operation in this work in Alves loss to a great cause and to yourself.

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A CATHOLIC MISSION IN CHINA.

WHEN Bishop McGinley of the was passing . Philippines brough Shanghai a few years ago, stumbled across a little Catholic hool which he entered accompanied v another priest.

The teacher, a native brother uld speak neither Latin nor French, d the Americans were rather weak Chinese; so after smiles were exanged, the two priests turned to

Just then another teacher, premably a Chinese, made his appearace, and to the surprise of the sitors greeted them with a rapid are of English, spoken with a delightful Irish accent.

It was Fr. Martin Kennelly, an rish Jesuit from the province of Paris, who has since rounded out his twenty-five years in China, and was allowed to 'celebrate his silver jubilee' with a quick tour of the world.

In the course of this tour, which ended successfully, good Fr. Kennelly spent several days in Boston, where he spoke in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, gave interviews to one or two newspapers and left a considerable budget of facts with the editor.

From the valuable data received immediately from this long-experienced missioner, we have selected several portions which we feel will especially interest American Catholics.

MISSION OF KIANG-NAN1

Fr. Kennelly said that the Jesuit mission, which had its headquarters at Shanghai, comprised two Chinese Provinces, including an area of 95,000 square miles. This was about three times as large as Ireland, and the Pagan population was from 50 to 55 millions. (It is not easy to get exact statistics in China). The more easterly of these two provinces, Kinng-su, had twelve large cities, some as large as Dublin or larger, and 70 of smaller size; the other province north and south of the great river Yang-tse-Kiang is Anhuy, with thirteen large cities and fifty-five of the lower order.-2

The Mission is divided into two ecclesiastical sections, and into some 120 parishes. There is a head priest over each section, and one missioner to each of these parishes, besides a helper, if possible. There are about

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120 missioners engaged in active missionary work. In each parish, there are from 10 to 20 or even 25

THE STAFF OF WORKERS.

The staff of the Mission is under one Bishop, residing at Shanghai. There are about 200 members of the Society, 160 priests (24 Chinese), 18 scholastics and 28 lay-brothers. There are also some secular clergy, about 40 priests, of whom all are natives. There are thus 200 priests, which is more than in any other Catholic province in China.



FR. M. KENNELLY, S. J. Of Shanghai.

In the Seminary there are 26 students of Theology and 20 studying Latin. The Seminary is recruited chiefly from the Zikawei College, five miles from Shanghai. The course of studies at the college consists of Chinese literature and classics, (8 to 10 years), with a foreign program in English and French, the two latter extending over 5 years and comprising history, mathematics, elementary physics and chemistry, music and drawing. There is a two years' course of Philosophy and a four years' course of Divinity.

Thus we see that the native Chinese priest is very well fitted for his work, and his training is by no means deficient. In fact our missioners are far better prepared than the Protestants, who usually get one or two years training in the Bible and are then sent to convert the Chinese, whom they do not succeed in winning over

to Christ.

The priests of the missions are helped by various religious congregations, male and female. Among these are the little Brothers of Mary (or Marianists). These are 70 in number, of whom 36 are natives. They do excellent work in educational lines, and can all teach in English and French. They correspond to the Christian Brothers at home. They help in the college in Shanghai, as e.g. in St. Francis Xavier's, where there are 1650 pupils, including 300 The boarders number over Chinese.

As to nuns, there is one order of contemplatives, the Carmelites, 28 in number of whom 18 are natives. Earnestly and unceasingly they send up prayers for the success of the mission and that the Lord may "send laborers into His harvest.'

There are also the "Auxiliatrices" or Helpers of the Souls in Purgatory who have the care of the education of foreign girls,-English, American, Canadian, Australian, and also Chinese. At Shanghai, they have in all about 800 pupils. They prepare many for the Oxford and Cambridge local examinations, both junior and senior.

Then there are the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, 54 in number, of whom to are natives. They do hospital work. Besides the Bishop's Hospital, they have charge of the General Hospital, or that which belongs to the town. They have also a novitiate. Any native who desires to join them must first unbind her feet. As is well known the Chinese women of any position pride themselves on the smallness of their feet. these being kept tightly bound from infancy, so that often the foot does not exceed two or three inches in length. With such feet, Sisters of Charity could not do much active work, and so they have to give up this criterion of beauty in the Chinese

Again, there are the Little Sisters of the Poor, who have the care of about 430 aged men and women. At the beginning it was thought that in China no woman could do work among men; but the contrary has been found and these good nuns do most valuable work.

Kiang means river and Nan south, i.e. the ter-to the south of the Yang-tse river, but this is nomer as the mission extends also largely to orth of the same river.

Cities of the 1st order are called in China "Fu" those of the 2nd order "Chows" and those of d "Hsiens" or sub-prefectures

Finally, there is a congregation of native nuns. They are trained by European nuns, Helpers of the Holy Souls, and are most successful, especially in the instruction of native women, for whom it is very difficult in China for the missioner to do anything directly. They also make lace and embroidery. These native nuns work in native hospitals, have some knowledge of medicine and so help in easy cases. They sometimes have occasion to baptize Pagan children when they are at the point of death.

Large Numbers of Chinese Converts.

Fr Kennelly says that he is often asked:—"Do you succeed in converting the Chinese?" He answers that in one mission alone there are about 200,000 Catholic converts. This is as much or more than the Protestants have in all China, though their staff is four or five times as numerous as ours. The aggregate of Catholic converts in China amounts to 1,210,000.

A notable point about the Protestants is the number of their divisions. There are no less than 92 different denominations of Protestants carrying on work in China, and some of these have only two or three members. Individually, I have found these ministers, as a rule, obliging, and some of them have rendered me services for which I am grateful. Many are, however, most bigoted, and do not even admit that Catholics are Christians.

Life of the Missioner Out on the Field.

The parishes usually cover large districts.

In one parish there are from 10 to 20 or even more churches. At one time, another priest and myself had to attend to 26 churches; in such cases the work is very heavy. Some of the churches are really good; others are not rain-proof.

VARIOUS MODES OF TRAVELLING.

As to getting to one's destination, there are various modes of travelling. First, there is the railway running through the mission from Shanghai to Nankin, with several stations on the way. This is owned by an English company which gives a reduction of 20% to missioners and nuns. There are some smaller railways owned by the Chinese, but these make no reduction to our travellers.

Another way, and the best, is by boat. Several missioners have each his house-boat, divided into two compartments, one of which serves as a sitting-room or library, the other as a dining and sleeping room. Two or three men propel the boat by sculling. The rate is about three miles an hour, or perhaps four in tidal canals.

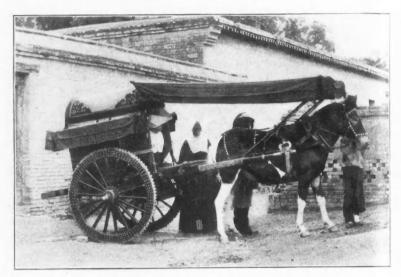
In our province horses are little used. The country is intersected with canals, and the bridges over these are constructed of flags or slabs of stone without any parapet or protection, and as the horses are liable to shy one would have a good chance of going into instead of over the water. In default of the horse, one takes to a wheelbarrow which is so characteristic of China, and on which they transport heavy loads. One of our native missioners has invented an improved

DRESS OF THE MISSIONER.

As to his dress, the missioner is clothed as a Chinaman, flowing garments, baggy pants and satin heargear, and in the heart of the country he generally wears the pig-tail.—¹ The Chinese are fond of bright colors—red, green and blue—nothing too gaudy. The Protestants do not use the native dress save the members of "The Chinese Inland Mission," who are compelled to adopt the pig-tail Even the ladies dress in native contained but their "large feet and other outlandish habits easily distinguish them from the home-born belles."

DIET.

"As to diet," said Fr. Kennelly, "the Chinese live mainly on rice. One



ON THE ROAD FOR BABIES.

form of wheelbarrow, of which the *Ballybinnion* mono-rail suggests the type. Again, there is the Sedan chair with three or four carriers; but this is rather expensive, especially if the weather is bad.

Lastly, one can travel on foot, and often enough he has no other alternative, if he happens to be a native,—or, we might add, a Catholic missioner.

ARRIVAL AT A CHURCH OR STATION.

When a priest arrives at a mission, the church bell is rung. The Christians assemble, chant some prayers and are blessed by the missioner. He makes their acquaintance. Then there is the daily round of Mass, instructions, administration of the Sacraments, attending schools, visiting dispensaries, and he is soon quite at home with his flock.

is sometimes asked,—'how can you live on a rice-fare?' Now a Chinaman might just as well ask you-how can you live on bread? There is some meat, principally in the form of pork, as you will remember from Lamb's well-known essay on roast pig. In truth, the pork in China is first-rate, as delicate as mutton at home here. Lately, pork from China was placed on the home market and it was suggested in the House of Commons that Chinese pigs were fed on rice. That is not the fact; but they are fed on vegetables and street refuse. Then there is an abundance of fowl, hens, ducks and geese, both tame and wild Pheasants, snipe, and quail are also plentiful from November to April.

¹The pig-tail is being partially discarded at resent. Some of the old missioners regret exceedingly the change from the time honored custon, of the past, but the young generation is progressive and deems reform necessary.

There are no game laws, and a brace of pheasants may be purchased for shilling or two. There is a plentiful supply of vegetables, cabbage, lettuce, garlic, yams and sweet potatoes and the water-melon. The foreign potato has been recently introduced, and is spreading much on the coast. The Chinese do not use milk as an article of diet. They keep no cows and have no large farms as in our home countries. Water buffalos are indeed kept, but they are generally used in tilling the ground or working the water-wheel, for the irrigation of the rice fields. Butter and cheese, when used by foreigners have to be imported—Swiss cheese, condensed milk and Australian butter are largely sold on the Shanghai market.

THE CHURCHES.

As to housing. The churches are row mostly brick-built and capable of accommodating from 200 to 500 people, some even 1,000. Ten or twelve years ago, we were not so well off. A few are still built of reeds. Throughout the year the missioner visits his other churches, spending some three to eight days or more, preaching at every Mass. Sometimes he has to build a church and act as architect.

WORK OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD.

The work of the Holy Childhood is carried on at all the churches. Poor infants that have been abandoned—a practice unfortunately still very common in China-are carried to the nuns to be baptized and brought up. At the age of eight or so, the boys are transferred to an orphanage where they are taught a trade, to enable them to gain a livelihood. When the children have grown to the age of eighteen or twenty, they marry and thus found Christian families. Sometimes the orphans are adopted by native Christians. An allowance of from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a year is made for each foundling, from the funds of the Holy Childhood.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

A local school may have from ro to 30 children of both sexes. Pagan children are also admitted, but are not taught the prayers unless their parents wish it. At some stations there are central schools with a superior program and a competent staff of teachers. Most of these latter are boarding schools.

LANGUAGE.

The Chinese language is a necessity for the missioner, as the pupils do not

understand any other. A man of ordinary intelligence may in one year acquire a working knowledge of it for missionary purposes, i.e., to teach catechism, preach, hear confessions and converse with the natives. Out on the missions he has to speak it from morning to night, and thus progress is very rapid. The second year he speaks it better than the first; next vear better still, and in ten years is almost like a born Chinaman. The spoken language is not so difficult as people imagine. As to the written language, the missioner is not expected to master it so fully; and indeed the literary style is difficult and artificial

MISSION PROSPECTS.

The Jesuits of Kiang-nan have some 120 Fathers engaged in actual mission work, the others being employed in teaching and directing the central establishments. This year there were 10,000 new converts. If there is not greater progress, this is due to lack of men, and principally of funds. The Protestant missioners have generally all they want or like. Our work is, however, visibly blessed by Almighty God. Still it must take a long time to bring the Gospel to the knowledge of the 400 millions which make up the population of the Empire. This vast work must take time. Rome was not built in a day, neither will any Asiatic nation be converted in a day. There may be centuries of work and many persecutions yet. Above all, God's grace is needed, and this can be obtained by constant and fervent prayer, for the success of the missions and the spread of the faith.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

As to education. In 1905, the Chinese Government introduced a new system borrowed in part from Japan, the United States and Germany. In higher education, this proved a failure, because they wanted to run before they could walk. They wanted, also, to do without the help of foreigners, while their own men were incompetent and unable to teach. Now they are trying to give their subjects a good sound elementary education. A select number of students are sent to the United States, most of them for engineering, civil (3-5 yrs.), mechanical or electrical (all much wanted in China); some to England for law, a few (especially to Manchester) for commerce, and others to Germany for medicine. The United States medical degrees are little esteemed in the

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A missionary's gratitude will mean a missionary's earnest prayer.

Sources of Missionary Funds.

Some special questions were asked of Fr. Kennelly, while he was on his tour

One concerned native contributions for the support of the missions. Fr. Kennelly said that the principal part of our missionary funds comes from the work of the Propagation of the Faith; next from that of the Holy Childhood, contributed for the rescue and education of foundlings; thirdly, by alms from the families of such missioners as happen to have wealthy relatives.

Though Germany and Holland are mainly Protestant countries, the Catholics there contribute generously to Chinese missions. There are also remittances from Belgium and France; and for the past three or four years from the United States of America, especially from New York and Boston. As to the Chinese, they are mostly poor. In the treaty ports there are some rich Christian merchants, traders and petty shop-keepers. These are very generous and occasionally give large alms.

The ordinary currency in Shanghai is the Mexican dollar, which has a value of fifty cents, American.

Four Catholic churches are maintained in Shanghai.

Is THERE DANGER OF PERSECUTION? WHAT OF RISKS? CHINA'S FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS THE CHRISTIAN

Asked as to the persecutions of Christians and the attitude of the government to the Church, Fr. Kennelly said that the Church works at present under treaty protection, e.g., about 1860, treaties were made to which France, England, the United States, Germany and Austria were parties, by which it is allowable to propagate the Christian religion; and those Chinese who embrace Christianity are not to be molested for their religion. Hence the Powers have a right to interfere, and if necessary, will hinder any molestation through religious motives.

Riots, however, are a different thing. In every country difficulties with the officials will occur. In most parts of China, keen poverty exists. If the harvest fail, the people may rise against their officials (whom they call their father and mother) and then the missioners may be involved, as even Chinese subjects may. We are not singled out particularly as missioners, but rather as foreigners. As to the future, Fr. Kennelly considers that China will follow in the footsteps of Japan, which so far has maintained a policy of toleration towards the

Church.

CANADA is not ahead of the United States in supplying the sinews of war, but she certainly can count more warriors on the foreign mission fighting line than we can.

We learn with pleasure from Fr. Wilfred Hallam, O.F.M., of Wéi-hai-wai, China, that he has been joined

Canada.

A NEW VICAR-APOSTOLIC AND HIS WORK.

IVOR DANIEL, O.M.I.

The picturesque village of L'Assomption, Que., was on the 30th Nov. last the scene of an event which will be forever memorable to its parishioners. Over three hundred priests and fifteen bishops, with a large concourse of laity, met to honor an humble Oblate missioner, and to assist at his elevation to the dignity of Vicar-Apostolic.

We feel that readers of THE FIELD AFAR will be glad to know something of the lifework of a man so honored. Ovide Charlebois was born at Oka, Que., in 1862, and was one of a typical French-Canadian family of fourteen children. This truly patriarchal household was ruled by the austere Christian simplicity that has been the rough-hewing of many a noble While the busy womenvocation. folk saw to the housework, or plied the distaff and loom, the men and boys were wrestling an honest living from the soil.

Ovide was early put to the plough, but in spite of fatigue, he spent the long winter evenings in picking up knowledge, aided by a brother, who, younger than he, was able to attend the village school. After a few years, Ovide was able to join his brothers at the Assumption College—then, as now, a local centre of light and learn-



wai, China, that he has been joined by Fr. Eusèbe Meunièr of Montreal, O. leharleboiso. 44.9. Vic. aprest du Keenstin.

ing. Two of the little group, since deceased, became professors at their Alma Mater, and three entered the Oblate Congregation. Father William, the first teacher of his elder brother, is at present Superior of St. Joseph's Scholasticate, Ottawa; Father Charles, at first a missioner in the West, is now the parish priest of Ottawa East; and Father Ovide, after twenty-three years' work among the Indians of the West, has been called to greater responsibilities.

This one humble family has given five sons to the service of God; nor has the good tradition passed, for Bishop Charlebois has five or six nephews in the priesthood, and as

many or more nieces in the religious state. We learn also that this family, rich in vocations, has widely prospered in other directions, and now counts over two hundred member: honorably engaged in various call ings of life. Though the aged parent have gone to their reward, the nev Vicar Apostolic had the consolation of imparting a first episcopal blessing to his devoted foster-mother, an Eng lish lady, now residing at Hull, Que

Bishop Charlebois was ordained a Ottawa in 1887 by the saintly Bishor Grandin, himself a pioneer of the Gospel in the Canadian West, an was first sent to the North Wester Territories. At the isolated mission of St. Joseph, Fort Cumberland, he remained for over sixteen years. His efforts, entirely devoted to his be loved Indians, were rewarded with many conversions, and a general upbuilding of the Christian community During one of his missionary tours, he met, at Fort Nelson, a tribe of Indians who had never before seen priest, or heard of the Gospel. Each year he proceeded by water to Prince Albert in order to seek provisions for the different missions in his district. In 1893 he was called upon to take over the direction of a large Indian Industrial School at Duck Lake, Sask. He found it deep in debt and struggling energy, and, it must be added, largely owing to the generous help of friends in the United States and elsewhere, the deficit was much reduced, and the school placed on a level with the best of its kind. Here he remained—"le bon Père Charlebois"—until he received his nomination as Vicar-Apostolic of the vast Keewatin territory. The news was a severe trial to him, for he realized that it meant a renewal of all that had been most difficult in his long missionary career.

To one at least of those who beheld the humble Prelate in the glory of the sanctuary, and surrounded by the respectful devotion that was his due, there came back the words utter d on a like occasion by a great missionary Bishop*long ago at rest," To-d y the victim is wreathed in garlands to-morrow the sacrifice begins." this case, however, the sacrifice was but renewed, and that quickly. The good Bishop is already far away from the brief consolations of family and religious ties, helping to build, at le Pas, Keewatin, the modest resider e that will serve as a centre for is apostolic journeyings. His Vicaria e, which is literally the largest and portest of the world, comprises all the

^{*}Bp. Verst of St. Augustin's.

territory north of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, with the northern half of the latter province; and is almost exclusively inhabited by nomadic Indians of the Cree, Montagnais and Esquimaux Tribes. For the evangelization of this vast and barren land, Bishop Charlebois has a small but devoted band of fourteen priests and six lay brothers—all Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Their work is admirably seconded by six Grey Nuns of the Cross, and four Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate. Much remains to be done, for though the Cree and Montagnais Indians have received the Gospel of Christ, little more than temporary efforts have been made for the Esquimaux of the North. The immense size of this Vicariate, its unproductivity, and the severity of its winters, are the cause of special and permanent difficulties in its development. May we not hope that readers of THE FIELD AFAR will help: some by prayers; some by prayers and alms; some, if it should please God, by the supreme offering of personal service-there, or elsewhere in the Mission-field of Christ's Church.

OTTAWA, CANADA.

BRET HARTE'S TRIBUTE.

THE Catholic missioner is usually an interesting figure, appealing to many classes of men. One of our correspondents, now in California, sends us the following appreciation from Bret Harte. It is taken from a popular lecture on California, delivered by that author at the Crystal Palace, London in 1879.

"Before taking leave of the Spanish-American, let me recall a single figure. It is that of the earliest pioneer known to Californian history. He comes to us toiling over a Southern plain, an old man, weak, emaciated, friendless and alone. He has left his muleteers and acolytes a league behind him, and has wandered on without script or wallet, bearing only a crucifix and bell.

It is a characteristic plain, bleak, windswept, baked to its very foundations and cracked into gaping chasms. As the pitiless sun goes down, the old man staggers forward and falls utterly exhausted. He lies there all night. Toward morning he is found by some Indians who offer him food and drink. But before he accepts either he rises to his knees and there ays Matins, and baptizes them in the Catholic faith. And then it occurs to him to ask them where he is, and he finds that he has penetrated into the unknown and. It was Padre Junipero Serra and the sun arose that morning on Christian alifornia... In the blood-stained and tearlotted chronicle of early California there not a more heroic figure than this travelvorn, self-denying Franciscan Friar."

IN BISHOP FOLEY'S NEW HOME.

TO express his gratitude for kindnesses received in Boston, Bishop Foley arranged, before the close of the Seminary term, for an illustrated lecture on the Philippines by Fr.



FATHER GEORGE CARUANA. ON THE PHILIPPINE MISSION.

George Caruana, who came from Brooklyn for this purpose.

Fr. Caruana was born in Malta, and, though still a young priest,—only

four years ordained—he has had world-wide experience of travel and several years of service under Archbishop Agius, Apostolic Delegate of the Philippine Islands.

While in the Philippines he was obliged to interrupt his clerical occu-

pations frequently to go through the islands on special missionary work.

His lecture, which was rather an informal talk, was full of information, delightfully punctuated with anecdote and genuine humor.

We hope that many will hear Fr. Caruana, and through him learn to appreciate the work of our American bishops in these possessions.

It was much enjoyed by the Seminarians, faculty, and the visitors,—the latter, including Bishop Foley, Rev. Leo C. Knapp, D. C. L., the former and present Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith, and Rev. Fr. Killion who will accompany Bishop Foley to the Philippens as his secretary.

What waste of wealth in magnificent heathen temples! What waste of time in pagan adoration! Oh, if we could tell the lovers of the false, the beauty of the true!

There is no greater charity than to introduce our Eucharistic Lord just as we know Him, to those who know Him not.



IN THE PHILIPPINE HILLS.

FROM THE FIELD.

"I asked my Father. He gave me the nations for my inheritance."

THE "Black" Franciscans of Buffalo, (Pine St.), are interested in the missions of Porto Rico.

OR the past 45 years the French Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of St. Catherine of Sienna have had charge of the great leper asylum of Coesrite in the Island of Trinidad, British West Indies. If some young American women would like to join them in their heroic work, they would be welcome. They should write to their Rev. Mother Superior at Etrepagny, Eure, France.

T must not be supposed from photographs that the Indian way of dressing is not picturesque. fresh, bright-colored garments, supported by a silver band around the waist, and falling in broad and shapely folds to the feet, resemble much the dress of the ancient Greeks.

The poor widow alone forms the exception. Ten days after the death of her husband, she lays all her finery on his grave, and for her there are no more gay clothes or golden ornaments, no matter how young she may be. A second marriage will never be permitted.

Unhappily Christians also adhere most strictly to this cast-iron rule, and many years must pass before it

can be abolished.

A BOUT a year ago we referred to a leper mission in charge of Fr. J. B. Michotte, at Kumbakonam, India. At that time the kindness of several readers enabled us to forward some substantial help to this zealous priest, who later succeeded in building a ward of his proposed lazarhospital.

"Now," he writes, "I want a ward for women, and until it is built, I must use some huts. Lately a priest sent a leper here, but the poor fellow said that he preferred to take his chances as a vagrant, so mean was the shed I had to offer him.'

We should at least use as much activity and persistency in promoting the sacred interests of Christ as worldly men employ in furthering private affairs.

THE M. S. C. Fathers (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) have interesting missions in some of the Oceanic Islands. We have already introduced our readers to Fr. Clauser of British New Guinea. One of his colleages, Fr. Ed. Van Goethem, evidently a Hollander, now writes from Yule Island, Papua:

"On the occasion of our yearly retreat at the Mission Station on Yule Island, I met Father Clauser, and hearing him speak most warmly of your FIELD AFAR, I decided to write to you.

This decision was hastened by the fact that I have received some unexpected financial assistance from an unknown American friend whom I would like you to thank in the columns of your paper, as no doubt my secret benefactor is one of your readers.

GREETING FROM THE JUNGLES.

The work I am specially interested in is the Papuan Boarding-school. Papuans are considered difficult to convert, because of their immoral standards—per-fection to them consisting of the very acts and habits which form our capital sins.

Since the natives teach only cleverness in evil doing, we must make special efforts to uproot an evil centuries old.

These efforts are centered entirely on the children—getting them away from home surroundings. We are helped by the greediness of the parents. We buy the children for about ten dollars apiece, which may be paid in blankets, mosquito

netting, tomahawks, knives and tobacco. Of course the board and clothing means an added cost. I have myself rescued about twelve Kalesti or scarlet boys, socalled, on account of their red waist cloths. The work of taming these little wild blacks is not easy. Black parrots cannot be caged, and our youngsters are much like them.

much like them.

As they reach the age of manhood, custom allows them to become still more frivolous, and they spend all their time oiling, perfuming, and decorating themselves. To bring them to a sense of their religious duty requires unceasing care; but thank God our Papuan boys really find pleasure now in attending Mass daily, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and above all in frequent Communion.

The success of the boarding-school to

The success of the boarding-school to which I have referred encourages me to write to The Field Afar, and if any generous souls feel inclined to interest themselves in this mission work, both prayers and gratitude will be assured to the kind

With most respectful greetings, Ed. Van Goethem, M.S.C."

THROUGH Fr. Cothonay, O.P., of Hawthorne, N. Y., we have received a request to publish the following letter from Fr. Aguirre of Foo-Chow, China, whom a copy of THE FIELD AFAR has evidently reached:

"This kind of magazine is very useful to the poor missionary whose duty is to enlighten those who 'sit in darkness' May God give to those who are back of it health and many graces to carry on so

important a work.
You may be interested to know that have here in the vicariate of North Fokien seven establishments of the Holy Childhood. One is here in Foo-chow, under Dominican Sisters, who came from Spain, and last year it received no fewer than 2,219 infant girls who had been cast out by their inhuman parents.

Just now there are 200 under its roof, and 170 others are outside in the care of wetnurses. Many babies die the day they are found and frequently within a few moments after receiving baptism.

About two months ago a little girl was thrown into a cesspool on one of the city streets. The child screamed, but the streets. The child screamed, but the passers-by, even a policeman, did not heed the cries and she would have been left to die had a Christian not gone to her rescue and brought her to the asy-lum, where she is at present doing well.

God alone knows the fearful crimes committed by heathen peoples.

Fr. Aguirre sends some photos and asks especially for aid to sustain this work for infants.

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FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION send fifty cents in stamps, if you prefer; or a one dollar bill for two years. Why not, at the same time, suggest some possible subscribers whose hearts might warm to The Field Afar, and whose minds are large enough to embrace it? Why not give a subscription to your friend?

A good test for the follower of Christ: Have I a keen desire to save souls?

AN INDIA LETTER.

THE letter, which follows, is so suggestive that we print it in full. We do not know the nationality of our correspondent, but English is evidently his mother-tongue, and perhaps, when he reads these lines he will tell us more about himself. Like Fr. Kennelly, S. J., of Shang-hai, he has learned to lighten an editor's task:

THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY (Bellary, India) 30 Mar. 1911.

REV. FATHER:

Though personally a stranger, I beg you will please allow me to congratulate you on the success you are achieving in



STUDENTS AT BELLARY.

your admirable endeavors to kindle up and to sustain the missionary spirit in the hearts of American Catholics. May God multiply your strength!

A few months ago an unknown lady in America—quite a stranger to us—sent us a packet of some papers old and new, including the Sacred Heart Review, The Pilot and a copy of The Field Afar. God bless her good heart; she now supplies The Pilot and I expect to receive The Field Afar also.

I wish you would make The Field Afar a monthly paper, and I wish it a very large circulation, not only in America but in the British Isles, and in the field itself, for it will serve to put cheer into drooping hearts here, incite missioners to still more vigorous work where possible, and demonstrate to people in missionary countries what is being done for them in Europe and America and how grateful they have to be to their benefactors.

It is great consolation that the missionary spirit is waking in America. At the present hour the Church is nowhere more prosperous than in America, and therefore it is only just that the laborers in the field should look to her for sympathy and support, now that the traitorous enemies of the Church in France have proved to be the enemies of the missions as well. I am afraid, however, that her share in missionary activity must still be considered to be very meagre indeed; she can certainly take a much greater share; her Catho-

lics seem not to have as yet completely realized the nobility and sublime dignity of missionary work or the magnitude of the reward. Is it not a glorious privilege to be allowed to be the direct or indirect means of winning immortal souls for Christ Our Lord in the vast lands of Asia and Africa, enveloped in the darkness of Paganism? The American Protestants, however, are different; for we see before our very eyes their gigantic missionary operations and their phenomenal expenditure of money in the execution of their propagandism in this country. Had it not been for France, what would have become of the Catholic Missions? Despoiled and plundered and cheated, she is still the most generous supplier of funds and laborers for the field.

Your people, however, have now made a beginning, and a very good beginning, too; this is a consolation. God grant that America's interest in the foreign missions may multiply and increase from day to day, from hour to hour!

I see you are endeavoring to capture the schools. Right you are, Father. In one true sense at least the fate of the foreign missions is in the hands of the rising generation. Above all, please get the little ones to pray, to pray much for the conversion of the Pagans in non-Christian countries and for the spread of the Apostolic spirit in Christian countries. God bless the young ladies of Boston who raised \$50 for the missions by the sale of candies! Let us hope they will do the same at least three or four times every year and that their noble example may be copied by a large number of schools and academies. What about the boys and the young men? Are they shy or don't they care?

The educative value of the magic lantern, the cinematograph and the graphophone has now become well established.

Garrison, editor of *The Lamp*), I am despatching some 'copy' and a few photos for your Field Afar. I request you will kindly accept them.

Wishing every success to your noble endeavors in behalf of the good work in the field afar, I beg to be, Rev. Father,

Yours respectfully in the Lord. Bro. J. Anthony, O.S.F., Superior.

THE NATIVE FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF BELLARY, INDIA.

THE Franciscan Brothers of Bellary, in the Archdiocese of Madras, India, are all natives of the Country. The Community had its origin at Phirangipuram in 1889. The late Bishop Theophilus Mayer, a Canadian, who was then Vicar-General, is still gratefully looked upon as a cofounder along with the Rev. Fr. Th. Dieckmann. It was subsequently confirmed formally by the late lamented Archbishop Colgan. Christian education is the main object of the Brotherhood; it is also expected to carry out any other work that may be entrusted to it by the Ordinary. The brothers are thus co-adjutor missionaries. One of them is an architect, and the churches at Phirangipuram, Rayavaram and Guntur, are witnesses of his skill in that line.

The institute for boys, which they are conducting in the Monastery, helps to serve several important mission



NATIVE EAST INDIAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF BELLARY.

Why not utilize these in the interests of the missions? It is possible there may be some difficulty to prepare the slides, films and discs; perhaps some arrangement can be made with the Maison de la Bonne Presse, Paris.

Along with this letter which I send through Rev. Fr. Paul, S.A. (Greymoor,

purposes: e. g., as a Catecumenate, as a *petit seminaire*, as a nursery of the Monastery. The present strength is 70; four of these are converts from paganism, and one from Protestantism. Seven others are pagans still,

and it is hoped that at least four of the seven will receive holy Baptism before long. They are already known by Christian names—Michael, Gabriel, Joseph, Francis. Among the Christian lads there are several would be Guruvulu (Priests), and Sagotharulu (Brothers), and there are some future Oobathesiyulu (Catechists) and Badi-panthulu (Schoolmasters) among the lot. The institute counts among its former boys a few of these privileged classes of laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

Since the transfer of the Monastery to Bellary, in 1899, there has been much progress in all directions. Vocations to a religious life are very rare amongst men in India. The Bellary Brotherhood is for hundreds of miles around the only Religious Community of men.

Gentle reader, please send up a short prayer to invoke God's blessing on these Brothers, their dear boys and on their stupendous work.

FROM CEYLON.

[A young missioner in Ceylon, the brother of our correspondent in Maritime, Tonkin, writes from his new field, the letter which follows.]

N this Ceylon district we have seven churches, one of them more than fifteen miles distant from our residence. During the rainy season the country is flooded, and the rest of the time burned by a sun of fire; but we make our way through it nevertheless without even the help of roads

Although the poor Catholics do not see us more than once in two or three months, they are deeply attached to their religion. It is another case of the workmen being too few for the harvest. We have a confraternity of women, so devout, that a priest once said of them that they need only a habit and community life to be real nuns.

The work among the children is also very satisfactory. Many receive Communion daily, and during their holidays find pleasure in taking up missionary work like true little apostles. Journeying to villages remote from the church and the school, they gather the idle ones, or those neglected by their parents and bring them into the fold. Thanks to this zeal our school is growing rapidly, and at present we have more than 300 pupils.

Our school for boys is a rough barn, thatched with cocoanut leaves.

The girls, who are taught by three native teachers, are sheltered on our veranda. It is needless to say that these conditions cannot continue with our increasing numbers; but since God has sent us these children, no doubt He will aid us in caring for

I am reading your life of Théophane Vénard over and over again, and my next letter to you will be entirely in.

Begging you to accept the assurances of my deep regard, I am

Most truly yours,

VHEN Christ spoke every word counted. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his vineyard."



WE urge all who can to offer for the mission cause:

One rosary a week. One Communion a month.

A daily prayer,—at least the ejaculation, 'St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.' We ask them to apply this form

(a) To the heathen themselves, e. ALFRED HUCTIN. g., the Chinese or Africans.



NATIVE SEMINARISTS WITH A NATIVE SUPERIOR IN BURMAH.

FATHER ALLARD, the young missioner from Burmah, who has been in this country several months, is still making his conquests of the little ones.

Fr. Allard is an excellent type and is doing much good for the missioncause in this country. He will not succeed in gathering all the funds which he needs to carry on a great work, as he will probably be obliged to return to his mission before the end of the year, but he will leave behind him many interested in his mission.

With characteristic enterprise he has recently issued a small magazine. The Burmese Echo, of which we will speak elsewhere.

The photograph on this page was forwarded to THE FIELD AFAR by Bishop Cardot of Lower Burmah. It represents the Superior of the Seminary (a native) and some of his stu-

(b) To the priests, brothers and nuns out on the field.

(c) To secure apostolic vocations in this country.

FOR ONE DOLLAR.

A new subscription to The Field AFAR and any one of the following books:

Thoughts from Modern Martyrs, (in cloth.)

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When you are sending your renewal why not enclose a dollar bill and express your preference for one of the above mission books?

We must get mission literature into the hands of American Catholics, who will respond generously with missioners, and means, once they know the need.

OUR YOUNG APOSTLES.



AN IDOL IN CHINA.

THIS gentleman, my dear young apostles, has not a beautiful face, but if you had been born a pagan in China, you would now occasionally be saying your prayers to him(or to it), asking to be protected from some or another calamity.

Or, perhaps, you might have had the good fortune to meet a Catholic missioner and to be baptized by him into the true faith.

Then your religion would not be one of dread, but of hope, and this spirit would show itself in your life.

Is there a boy among our readers who loves God and souls enough to leave his home and country,—for good? We shall be glad to correspond with such a youth.

A MERICAN soldiers are in the Far East to protect the interests of our country. American businessmen have agents all over the world. Even in the heart of China these can be found; and in remote villages of Africa it is not an uncommon sight to see a native carrying water in an American oil-can.

The Catholic youth of America loves the church and will not hesitate now to furnish a regiment of English-speaking soldiers of Christ to help wage the battle for souls in the wild places of this earth. *Enlist*.

"Work hard, work well, not to get praise, or honor, or prizes, but because you will thus please God. Take this as the maxim of your life: 'All for our God.'"—Théophane Vénard.

BOYS! Did you ever have an ambition to become a priest—to win souls to Christ, to keep men, women and children out of Hell?

This is a beautiful vocation, far higher than to save many dollars, or to become celebrated in the eyes of the world. Do you pray to be called to the priesthood? Not all boys are called, but some certainly are, because Our Lord needs priests. And He needs them not only for the great work to be done right here at home but also to go far away and make known His gospel to people who have never heard of Him.

Perhaps you will yet be called to the apostolate of Jesus Christ. Pray for this.



CHINESE BOYS AT PLAY.

THE Chinese boys at our Catholic schools are full of fun and have many games, most of which are strange to us.

The group on this page was taken by Fr. Douspis, one of our correspondents in Swatow.

These boys are bright and studious. When they are old enough to enter the seminary for philosophy, they are able to speak Latin fluently; and they use it often in their recreation hours, especially when they converse with European students or priests.

TO any girl who is becoming interested in foreign missions and who dreams occasionally of serving God in heathen lands, we say,

Blessed Théophane Benard

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OUR REQUEST.

SHORTLY after this issue of our paper, the organizers of the American Seminary for Catholic Foreign Missions will have returned from Rome and preparations will be made probably without further delay, to start the work.

The beginning will doubtless be small and poor enough, as such beginnings usually are. But the Providence of God has been all along mani-

fest and will not fail.

Great gifts are not expected; but from many, who are genuinely pleased to note the launching of this important movement, a response is certain to come. Will you be among these? They cannot be too many and much will be needed,—from chapel furnishings down to kitchen utensils and shovels.

The mention of this latter need will let you into the secret that students in Catholic foreign mission seminaries must set aside a certain portion of each day for physical labor, usually in the outer air. They will thus be better prepared to rough it on the missions, where in many places the priest must build his own house and church and till his own fields.

An offering, then, for the new seminary will be most acceptable, and in our next issue we will register the full amount received to date.

It is not our purpose to embarass our benefactors by publishing names. We know well that the Catholic who is interested in foreign missions invariably desires to be unknown. We intend, however, to register individual gifts for the Seminary under initials or anonymously, and this record will appear habitually in The Field Afar.

It will present to our readers the story of progress and will stimulate well-disposed Catholics to co-operate actively with this Divine work for souls.

SO far as possible, we hope, through the medium of these columns, to continue a practical interest in the many phases of missionary effort, *i. e.*, in the missioners themselves, irrespective of nationality or congregation, and in the various mission-aid societies approved by the Church.

We desire to keep our sympathies Catholic in the full sense of the word, and we believe that our new work will thrive in proportion as

we do so.

On this page, therefore, we will record not only gifts for our Seminary, but also those received by us for mission-needs (wherever they may be) in which our readers shall have become interested.

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THROUGH THE FIELD AFAR we encourage our readers to interest themselves in the Lyons Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This is the great mission-aid organization in the Catholic Church.

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readers.

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To this end, an occasional dollar for a 'missioner's subscription' will be most welcome.

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ELSEWHERE in this issue we made a passing reference to The Burmese Echo. This an interesting little mission publication for children,-the result of laudable enterprise on the part of its editor, Fr. Gustave Allard.

Fr. Allard, who has been speaking much to school-children in this country, wishes to keep in touch with them, and this little magazine will enable him to do so. We congratulate Fr. Allard and those who have assisted him-the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary-on the many excellent features of the Echo. A separate edition is printed in French, under the title L' Echo de Birmanie.

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GERMANY is producing some valuable Catholic mission literature, and it is gratifying to learn that Fr. Schwager's recent book on the subject of Catholic Missions to the heathen is being translated into Eng-

This work, we understand, gives a complete summary of the present-day mission effort of Catholics throughout the world, and will be an excellent reference book.

WE often wonder when and by whom the study of missions vill be introduced into our Catholic educational system. What golden opportunities we have to drop into oung hearts the seed of the apostolite and to win future friends, if not ctual soldiers, for the foreign missions!

Geographies, grade reading-books, istories, these could be used in the reliminary effort. Perhaps Germany ill take the lead in this vital work.

The flame that spreads intensifies Charity at goes afar gains strength at home. Help work at home, by zealous effort for the issions.

A NEW map of Africa is being prepared in Germany, and we learn that an atlas of the entire Catholic hierarchy will shortly appear in that country.

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